

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims, as follows:

1. (Previously presented) A pumping device comprising:

a motor arranged in relation to a pumping assembly, the motor having a housing and a shaft extending therefrom for rotating an impeller in the pumping assembly;

a motor seal arranged therein between the shaft and the housing;

a pump seal arranged between the shaft and the pump assembly; and

a third seal arranged between the motor seal and the pump seal, and further in relation to the shaft for providing additional sealing protection for the motor seal.

2. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the pumping device further comprises an adapter arranged between the motor housing and the pumping assembly having the third seal arranged thereon.

3. (Previously presented) A pumping device according to claim 2, wherein the third seal is located on the motor end of a close coupled adapter and is a primary sealing device.

4. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the third seal is a labyrinth seal.

5. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the third seal is a magnetic seal.

6. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the third seal is a lip seal.

7. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the third seal is a non-contact seal.

8. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the pumping device is a close coupled motor/centrifugal pump.

9. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the pumping device is a close coupled motor/positive displacement pump.

10. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 1, wherein the adapter is a close coupled adapter.

11. (Previously presented) A pumping device comprising:

a motor arranged in relation to a pumping assembly, the motor having a housing and a shaft extending therefrom for rotating an impeller in the pumping assembly;

a motor seal arranged therein between the shaft and the housing;

a pump seal arranged between the shaft and the pump assembly; and

an adapter arranged between the motor housing and the pumping assembly having a third seal arranged in relation to the shaft for providing additional sealing protection for the motor seal.

12. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the third seal is a labyrinth seal.

13. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the third seal is a magnetic seal.

14. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the third seal is a lip seal.

15. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the third seal is a non-contact seal.

16. (Currently amended) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the third seal is located on the motor end of a an-close coupled adapter and is a primary sealing device.

17. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the pumping device is a close coupled motor/centrifugal pump.

18. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the pumping device is a close coupled motor/positive displacement pump.

19. (Original) A pumping device according to claim 11, wherein the adapter is a close coupled adapter.